

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this continuation application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21-24 are new and now pending. No new matter has been added. This continuation application is filed in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

As way of background, the parent application (*i.e.*, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/347,720) to this continuation application received a Notice of Allowance/Allowability on December 30, 2003, wherein the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is as follows: "Claims 1-20 are allowed because no prior art neither showed or taught a golf ball of unitary construction (one-piece golf ball) wherein the entire ball is foamed of an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, a thermoplastic elastomer, and a blowing agent." (*see* Notice of Allowability at page 3, lines 6-9). In view of the Examiner's statement, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 21-24 are likewise patentable for substantially the same reasoning.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 21-24 is earnestly solicited. A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, any further matter requires attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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